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Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—"I think it is the Member in charge of the portfolio that has to say which is the more important of the reasons."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"I have given the three important reasons."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—"Which of them is the most important is my question."

Pay and efficiency bar of school assistants in Government schools.

* 369 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the pay of the school assistants in Government schools is graded at Rs. 75—150 with an efficiency bar at Rs. 100;

(b) whether no such efficiency bar is placed in respect of Deputy Inspectors of Schools;

(c) whether it is a fact that a good number of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools are undergraduates;

(d) whether all the school assistants are either B.A., L.T.'s, or M.A., L.T.'s.;

(e) why there should be any efficiency bar for these highly qualified employees when none is required in the case of less qualified men; and

(f) in view of the anomaly existing between these two classes of subordinates, whether the Government intend removing the efficiency bar in the case of the school assistants?

A.—(a) & (e) No. School assistants are placed in the three different grades of—

Rs. 75— 5—100 for 48 per cent of the number of posts,
Rs. 100—10—150 for 40 " " and
Rs. 150—10—250 for 12 " "

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) About a fifth of the total number of Deputy Inspectors are undergraduates; most of them have long service to their credit.

(d) Yes.

(f) The question of revising the pay of the Subordinate Educational Service is under consideration.

Teaching of Chemistry as an optional subject in the Adoni Municipal High School.

* 370 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether Chemistry is taught as an optional subject in the Municipal High School, Adoni, from 1922;

(b) whether the subject was introduced into the school with the previous permission of the District Educational Officer, Bellary;

(c) whether a new assistant had to be and was appointed to teach the new subject from 1922; and

(d) whether the Government met the net cost of the high school and, if so, whether they include the pay of this teacher in calculating the net cost to be borne by them?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) Yes.

(*c*) An additional assistant was appointed.

(*d*) Yes; in calculating the net cost three assistants including one science assistant are taken into account.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I am sorry the hon. the Minister has not answered the question of which I think he is well aware. Sir, there are four assistants. I am asking whether the Government are meeting the cost of the additional assistant who was employed with the consent of the District Educational Officer ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" We were not aware of that, Sir. There are three assistants one of whom is a science assistant and his cost is included in calculating the net cost of the school."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to call for the information whether there are not four men employed and if so will he be pleased to see that the cost of one appointed with the consent of the District Educational Officer is included in the net cost ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" Even if one assistant is appointed with the consent of the District Educational Officer, the Government are not bound to pay for him."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Will he be pleased to inquire how many there are and if there are more than three of them to see that he is included in the net cost ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" As I said it will serve no useful purpose, because even if there are four assistants, the local body which appointed the fourth will have to bear the cost."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Does he suggest that instruction in chemistry can be given without that assistant ? It is an absolute necessity to have that fourth man."

Buildings for the municipal schools at Bellary, etc.

* 371 *Q.*—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the stage at which the question of providing new buildings for the municipal schools at Bellary and Adoni, respectively, is at present ?

A.—Detailed plans and estimate for constructing a building for the Municipal high school, Bellary, have been prepared and it is expected that the work will be put in execution in the course of this year. The question of construction of a new building for the Municipal high school, Adoni, is under correspondence.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Sir, the hon. the Minister has inspected this school and he is aware of the extreme difficulties experienced there. Will he be pleased to expedite the matter ? "

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" The answer was already given."